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A recent accident at the intersection of Rock Canyon Road and Haskell Canyon Road in unincorporated County territory near Santa Clarita brought recent attention to an on-going community debate about traffic safety in this neighborhood. Although the Department of Public Works studied this neighborhood and is moving forward on several traffic control devices at other locations, staff remains opposed to the installation of a three-way stop sign at Rock Canyon and Haskell Canyon.

The intersection of Rock Canyon Road and Haskell Canyon Road appears to need additional traffic control devices for several reasons. Despite recent CHP enforcement patrols, drivers regularly speed in this area, and neighbors report both accidents and literally dozens of “near misses.” Individuals turning from Haskell Canyon onto Rock Canyon have a blind spot and must creep out to see around the corner, and Rock Canyon is on a very steep incline. Rock Canyon is also utilized as a “cut-through” street for parents from other neighborhoods picking up and dropping off their children at Mountain View Elementary School. Pedestrian traffic is unusually high due both to the large number of children living in the area and the bank of community mailboxes near the corner.

Staff of the Department of Public Works has indicated, on several occasions that the installation of a stop sign is not “warranted” pursuant to existing Departmental guidelines. While the department’s program to install traffic control devices at other locations in this neighborhood is commendable, residents are insistent that a stop sign is necessitated at the intersection of Rock Canyon Road and Haskell Canyon Road.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Public Works to install a multi-way stop sign at the intersection of Rock Canyon Road and Haskell Canyon Road. The Department shall report back to the Board of Supervisors within thirty days concerning the installation of these stop sign.

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